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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To His Excellency, O. P. Morton,
Governor of the State of Indiana:

The following is respectfully presented as the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Institute for the Education of the Blind.

The undersigned, President and Trustees, having by the last general assembly, under the act of the one next preceding, approved March 5th, 1859, been elected as the Board of Management of the State Institute for the Blind, held their first meeting at the office of said Institution on the 3d of April last, and assumed the charge of the establishment in accordance with the provisions of the law.

At this meeting Mr. T. A. Lewis was elected Secretary of the Board for one year, at a salary of \$100. The condition of the Institution was also examined into by the Board, and the President appointed as a committee to visit it during the recess of the same. Some amendments were made to the By-Laws, and sundry accounts presented by the Superintendent, were allowed, after which the Board adjourned.

They again met on the first of May following, as well as on the first Wednesday of each month succeeding, as required by the By-Laws, allowing sundry accounts as shown in the report of the Secretary, and transacting such other business as came before them.

At their July meeting, which took place on the 3d of that month, the Board, after transacting the usual monthly business, proceeded to the election of a Superintendent in place of the then incumbent, Dr. James McWorkman, whose term of service was to expire on the 30th of September ensuing. Mr. W. H. Churchman, then in charge of the Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Blind, was thereupon chosen as Superintendent of this Institution for a period of four years from and after the first day of October following.

On September 4th, at the regular meeting of that month, Dr. McWorkman resigned the charge of the Institution for the remainder of his term, and arrangements were made for Mr. Churchman to enter at once upon duty.

At the same meeting, the newly installed Superintendent, as provided for by law, made the following nominations for assisting officers during the ensuing year, which were confirmed by the Board:

Mr. G. M. Ballard, Teacher in Literary Department.

Miss M. S. Larned, " " " "

Mrs. H. Moore, " " " "

Mr. L. S. Newell, " " Music "

Miss. A. A. Dyer, " " " "

Mr. S. McGiffin, " " Male Work Department.

Miss E. A. Dawson, " " Female " "

Mrs. Jane Marshall, Matron.

Dr. J. M. Kitchen, Physician.

As mentioned in the Superintendent's report, hereto annexed, the lady appointed as Matron was removed by death in the latter part of October, and another was soon after engaged informally to supply her place, until a proper time should arrive for making a permanent appointment. In the loss sustained by the inmates of the Institution in the sudden death of Mrs. Marshall, the Trustees fully sympathize with them, as they feel persuaded, with the Superintendent, that she bade fair to make a valuable officer.

In the re-engagement of Mr. Churchman as the executive head of the Institution under their charge, the Board feel that they have cause to congratulate the friends of the blind youth of Indiana. His former labors in originating and building up the Institute, are well and favorably known throughout the State, and it is confidently believed that no other selection would in so eminent a degree have met the hearty approval of the people.

The Trustees upon examination, prior to the present session of the

school, found numerous repairs necessary upon the premises, as well as the furniture and apparatus, and also that the latter needed some replenishing. They accordingly authorized the Superintendent to put the institution in as good running condition as its means would justify without exceeding the appropriation made by the last Legislature, and they have no hesitation in expressing the conviction that this duty has been judiciously performed. For a statement of what has been done in this regard, as well as of the reorganization of the different departments of the Institution, and the result of its workings since the date of the last Annual Report, the attention of your Excellency is respectfully directed to the accompanying communication of the Superintendent, which is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

The expenditures, under the direction of the present Board, since the 1st of April, as well as those made by their predecessors prior to that time, are set forth in detail by the Secretary, in his report appended hereto.

Below will be found an abstract of the same, exhibiting, under appropriate heads, a classified statement of the disbursements for various objects, as follows, viz:

Expended for salaries of officers, including fees and mileage of Trustees.....	\$3,675 34
Expended for wages of employees.....	1,876 90
Expended for groceries and provisions.....	5,512 99
Expended for provender.....	45 08
Expended for fuel and lights.....	1,294 91
Expended for drugs, medicines, &c.....	175 53
Expended for school apparatus and musical instruments...	440 45
Expended for books, stationery and printing.....	320 64
Expended for tools for work department.....	145 98
Expended for material for work department.....	684 84
Expended for labor in work department.....	173 65
Expended for house furnishing goods.....	1,015 41
Expended for kitchen range, stoves and repairs on same...	473 16
Expended for horse-shoeing and repairs on vehicles and harness.....	132 51
Expended for clothing and traveling expenses of pupils...	966 84
Expended for construction and repairs on premises.....	940 93

Expended for postage and telegraphage.....	34 71
Expended for miscellaneous purposes.....	73 20
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The above statement, as well as the list of warrants detailed in the Secretary's report, shows the total amount of the allowances by the Trustees during the year to have been eighteen thousand and thirteen dollars and seven cents (\$18,013.07); while the accompanying statement of the Auditor of State shows the actual payments by the Treasurer, on account of the institution, to have been eighteen thousand and fifty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents (\$18,584.88,) or \$43 41 more than the sum of the allowances by the Trustees. This discrepancy seems to have arisen from the presentation and payment of outstanding warrants for allowances of the previous year.

The Auditor's statement also shows an overdraft by the Institution on the Treasury of two thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and nine cents (\$2,258.09) at the beginning of the year, November 1st, 1860, which was increased to four thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$4,672.79) at the close of the first quarter of the same. This overdraft occurred before the Institution came into the hands of the undersigned, and may have been unavoidable under the circumstances which existed at the time it was made; but, without meaning to reflect in any manner upon the course of their predecessors, the present Board beg leave to say that it is their firm determination not to allow the expenses of the Institution, in any event, to exceed the appropriations made for its support, as they believe such a step would be in direct opposition to the intention of the Legislature. Nor do they believe that the present or prospective condition of the Institution will call for a repetition of such a course.

From the statement of the Auditor heretofore referred to, it will be seen that of the appropriation of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for the support of the Institution from February 1st, of the present year, to February 1st, 1862, added to the sum of one thousand one hundred and ninety-six dollars and four cents (\$1,196.04) refunded by counties on account of advances for pupils' clothing, there remains in the State Treasury to the credit of the Institution at the date of this report a balance of five thousand eight hundred

and thirty dollars and sixteen cents (\$5,830 16.) Adding to this amount the sum of one thousand two hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty three cents (\$1,219 83), in the hands of the Superintendent, being his legal allowance to meet current expenses and receipts from various sources, we have a total of seven thousand and forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$7,049 99) applicable to the support of the Institution to February 1st, 1862. That this amount is amply sufficient to meet all expenses during the period named, the Trustees cannot entertain a doubt.

In conclusion, the Board would express their conviction that the present condition and future prospects of the Institution, under their charge, are such as to encourage in a high degree the hopes of the immediate friends of the blind youth of the State, as well as the people at large who have so long and cheerfully contributed to its support.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW WALLACE, *President.*

JOHN BEARD, }
WM. M. SMITH, } *Trustees.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Warrants Drawn on the Treasury.

Date.	No.	TO WHOM ISSUED, AND ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Amount.
1860.			
Nov. 7,	825	O. Newell and O. Hanford, broom corn.....	\$238 20
Nov. 7,	826	G. W. Pitts, ice.....	44 80
Nov. 7,	827	W. & H. Glenn & Co., work department.....	3 29
Nov. 7,	828	W. A. Gilligan, pupils' clothing.....	10 35
Nov. 7,	829	Holloway & Coon, provisions.....	109 40
Nov. 7,	830	W. & H. Glenn & Co, pupils' clothing.....	37 28
Nov. 7,	831	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for October.....	40 13
Nov. 7,	832	Elder & Harkness, wood.....	130 00
Nov. 7,	833	Jones, Vinnedge & Co, pupils' clothing.....	30 10
Nov. 7,	834	W. & H. Glenn & Co., house furnishing.....	30 38
Nov. 7,	835	C. Zimmerman, repairing roof.....	29 00
Nov. 7,	836	Thomas Markham, blacksmithing.....	2 50
Nov. 7,	837	James Lindley, milk.....	23 60
Nov. 7,	838	H. A. Fletcher & Co., pupils' clothing.....	5 52
Nov. 7,	839	H. A. Fletcher & Co., house furnishing.....	79 79
Nov. 7,	840	E. C. Mayhew, pupils' clothing.....	14 70
Nov. 7,	841	J. J. Drum, provisions.....	31 50
Nov. 7,	842	John Dier, soap.....	10 50
Nov. 7,	843	M. Fitzgibbon & Co., groceries.....	691 50
Nov. 7,	844	J. F. Ramsay, furniture.....	14 81
Nov. 7,	845	F. Burgtorf, repairing furniture.....	88 60
Nov. 7,	846	M. P. Brown, work department.....	50 35
Nov. 7,	847	Staats & English, repairs.....	15 55
Nov. 7,	848	Wm. Dowden, broom corn.....	69 55
Nov. 7,	849	P. Morningstar, meat.....	6 20
Nov. 7,	850	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	387 79
Nov. 7,	851	Williams & Boyd, meat.....	163 79
Dec. 5,	852	M. Fitzgibbon & Co., groceries.....	24 10
Dec. 5,	853	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for November.....	68 50
Dec. 5,	854	Cancelled.....	
Dec. 5,	855	J. F. Ramsay, furniture.....	11 75
Dec. 5,	856	Hawthorn & Buchanan, house furnishing.....	17 31
Dec. 5,	857	Stewart & Bowen, books and stationery.....	12 60
Dec. 5,	858	Joseph McLaughlin, apples.....	40 00
Dec. 5,	859	J. J. Rowe, broom handles.....	47 50
Dec. 5,	860	James Lindley, milk.....	20 22
Dec. 5,	861	George Lowe, repairs.....	18 10
Dec. 5,	862	John Darling, broom handles.....	37 40
Dec. 5,	863	Holloway & Coon, provisions.....	112 39
Dec. 5,	864	Williams & Boyd, meat.....	140 65
Dec. 5,	865	Mills, Alford & Co., groceries.....	225 12
Dec. 5,	866	Robert Browning, drugs and medicines.....	28 99
Dec. 5,	867	McTaggart & Daugherty, meat.....	3 74
Dec. 5,	868	George D. Staats, repairs.....	6 00
Dec. 5,	869	Girard Blue, wood.....	375 00
Dec. 5,	870	J. J. Drum, provisions.....	26 46
Dec. 5,	871	Hinesley & Kelly, harness repairs.....	5 20

Warrants drawn on the Treasury.—Continued.

Date.	No.	TO WHOM ISSUED, AND ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Amount.
1860.			
Dec. 5,	872	R. L. & A. W. McOuat, stoves, &c.....	\$164 95
Dec. 5,	873	Cancelled.....	
Dec. 5,	874	C. Kindler, repairs.....	
Dec. 5,	875	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	8 40
1861.			387 79
Jan. 9,	876	G. M. Ballard, salary as teacher.....	125 00
Jan. 9,	877	E. W. Bowman, salary as a teacher.....	75 00
Jan. 9,	878	L. M. Morley, salary as teacher.....	75 00
Jan. 9,	879	Juliette McWorkman, salary as matron.....	100 00
Jan. 9,	880	L. Dunlop, salary as physician.....	50 00
Jan. 9,	881	M. C. Holman, salary as teacher.....	125 00
Jan. 9,	882	H. A. Fletcher & Co., house furnishing.....	24 34
Jan. 9,	883	H. A. Fletcher & Co., pupils' clothing.....	47 87
Jan. 9,	884	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for December.....	68 63
Jan. 9,	885	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	18 70
Jan. 9,	886	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	17 68
Jan. 9,	887	P. Morningstar, lard.....	78 87
Jan. 9,	888	Cancelled.....	
Jan. 9,	889	R. L. & A. W. McOuat, house furnishing.....	4 60
Jan. 9,	890	George D. Staats, repairs.....	10 25
Jan. 9,	891	Henry Holmes, repairs.....	26 60
Jan. 9,	892	Hasselman & Vinton, work department.....	111 68
Jan. 9,	893	A. Franco, pupils' clothing.....	21 25
Jan. 9,	894	J. J. Drum, provisions.....	46 86
Jan. 9,	895	M. Fitzgibbon, flour.....	50 25
Jan. 9,	896	S. B. Holloway, provisions.....	104 49
Jan. 9,	897	O. Danforth, broom corn.....	100 00
Jan. 9,	898	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing.....	26 27
Jan. 9,	899	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing.....	126 27
Jan. 9,	900	Cleary & Little, repairs.....	187 00
Jan. 9,	901	Jas. Boyd, meat.....	132 61
Jan. 9,	902	Jas. Lindley, milk.....	29 99
Jan. 9,	903	Edward Blount, cooking range.....	300 00
Jan. 9,	904	V. Butsch, coal.....	25 00
Jan. 9,	905	W. H. Talbott, repairs.....	1 00
Jan. 9,	906	Emerich & Co., groceries.....	49 05
Jan. 9,	907	Jacob Traub, vegetables.....	54 18
Jan. 9,	908	Thos. Markham, blacksmithing.....	3 00
Feb. 6,	909	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	313 88
Feb. 6,	910	M. Fitzgibbon, groceries.....	104 81
Feb. 6,	911	Bowen, Stewart & Co., stationery.....	4 95
Feb. 6,	912	Jacob Traub, vegetables.....	25 38
Feb. 6,	913	A. Franco, pupils' clothing.....	4 35
Feb. 6,	914	S. B. Holloway, provisions.....	32 75
Feb. 6,	915	R. L. & A. W. McOuat.....	4 35
Feb. 6,	916	Baird & Lane, provisions.....	40 95
Feb. 6,	917	W. S. Hubbard, bricks.....	11 50
Feb. 6,	918	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	6 90
Feb. 6,	919	Mary Boswell, butter.....	11 40
Feb. 6,	920	J. & J. Lindley, milk.....	18 72
Feb. 6,	921	Ballweg & Kindler, repairs.....	4 00
Feb. 6,	922	Hawthorn & Buchanan, house furnishing.....	16 78
Feb. 6,	923	Cancelled.....	
Feb. 6,	924	George D. Staats, repairs.....	6 25
Feb. 6,	925	J. H. Vajen, house furnishing.....	11 43
Feb. 6,	926	J. H. Vajen, work department.....	20 52
Feb. 6,	927	H. A. Fletcher & Co., house furnishing.....	22 03
Feb. 6,	928	H. A. Fletcher & Co., pupils' clothing.....	16 76
Feb. 6,	929	J. J. Drum, provisions.....	17 24
Feb. 6,	930	George W. Pitts, ice.....	6 00
Feb. 6,	931	James Boyd, meat.....	115 67
Feb. 6,	932	J. & J. Bradshaw, provisions.....	30 22
Feb. 6,	933	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	233 67
March 6,	934	Jacob Traub, vegetables.....	14 40
March 6,	935	R. Browning, medicines.....	30 37
March 6,	936	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing.....	39 67
March 6,	937	W. & H. Glenn & Co., house furnishing.....	32 29
March 6,	938	R. L. & A. W. McOuat, house furnishing.....	7 05
March 6,	939	Hasselman & Vinton, work department.....	25 90
March 6,	940	S. B. Holloway, provisions.....	16 95
March 6,	941	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	31 15
March 6,	942	J. & J. Lindley, milk.....	20 01
March 6,	943	George D. Staats, repairs.....	7 00

Warrants drawn on the Treasury.—Continued.

Date.	No.	TO WHOM ISSUED, AND ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Amount.
1861.			
March 6,	944	James Boyd, meat.....	\$131 20
March 6,	945	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for February.....	57 00
March 6,	946	M. Fitzgibbon, groceries.....	70 15
March 6,	947	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	203 24
March 6,	948	Thomas Markham, blacksmithing.....	4 60
March 6,	949	Jacob Lindley, house furnishing.....	7 30
March 30,	950	W. H. Talbott, salary as trustee.....	20 00
March 30,	951	H. G. Hazelrigg, salary as trustee.....	109 04
March 30,	952	M. Fitzgibbon, salary as trustee.....	14 00
March 30,	953	J. McWorkman, salaries of officers.....	875 00
March 30,	954	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for January and March.....	108 01
March 30,	955	L. Dunlop, operation on pupil's eye.....	25 00
March 30,	956	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing.....	34 33
March 30,	957	E. C. Mayhew & Co. pupils' clothing.....	11 50
March 30,	958	A. Wallace, plaster.....	4 00
March 30,	959	Ferlinger & Lininger, leeches.....	3 00
March 30,	960	Dessar & Bros., pupils' clothing.....	10 50
March 30,	961	R. Browning, medicines.....	6 12
March 30,	962	J. & J. Bradshaw, groceries.....	18 91
March 30,	963	Hinesley & Kelly, saddlery.....	7 75
March 30,	964	Ramsay & Hanning, repairs.....	101 85
March 30,	965	J. A. F. Anderson, provender.....	2 00
March 30,	966	J. F. Ramsay, furniture.....	16 00
March 30,	967	F. Goepfer, pupils' clothing.....	45 40
March 30,	968	A. D. Wood, work material.....	1 80
March 30,	969	S. B. Holloway, groceries.....	26 27
March 30,	970	Bowen, Stewart & Co., stationery.....	5 95
March 30,	971	James Boyd, meat.....	121 19
March 30,	972	Indiana State Sentinel, engravings for report.....	38 00
March 30,	973	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	245 22
April 3,	974	Ben. G. Stout & Bro., groceries.....	25 85
April 3,	975	J. H. Vajen, hardware.....	3 25
April 3,	976	O. Coffin, pupils' clothing.....	7 96
April 3,	977	J. W. Holland, groceries.....	14 88
April 3,	978	Willard & Stowell, music.....	22 61
April 3,	979	George Lowe, repairs on carriage.....	3 00
April 3,	980	J. M. Talbott, postage.....	2 45
May 1,	981	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	213 08
May 1,	982	Andrew Wallace, groceries.....	215 75
May 1,	983	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas for April.....	41 25
May 1,	984	Hinesley & Kelley, repairs on harness.....	6 35
May 1,	985	S. B. Holloway, groceries.....	47 83
May 1,	986	Hasselman & Vinton, repairs.....	83 21
May 1,	987	J. J. Drum, groceries.....	36 40
May 1,	988	J. & J. Bradshaw, groceries.....	8 35
May 1,	989	Thomas Markham, blacksmithing.....	6 76
May 1,	990	G. D. Staats, painting.....	8 15
May 1,	991	Cancelled.....	
May 1,	992	James Boyd, provisions.....	161 17
May 1,	993	F. Goepfer, pupils' clothing.....	13 50
May 1,	994	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	11 45
May 1,	995	Wm. S. Cameron, printing.....	8 00
May 1,	996	Girard Blue, provisions.....	45 92
May 1,	997	J. H. Vajen, hardware.....	5 15
May 1,	998	Ben. G. Stout & Bro., groceries.....	16 75
June 5,	999	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	281 46
June 5,	1000	Mary Boswell, butter.....	8 00
June 5,	1	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	54 05
June 5,	2	George D. Staats, repairs.....	8 75
June 5,	3	F. Goepfer, pupils' clothing.....	51 35
June 5,	4	Ramsay & Hanning, repairs.....	77 52
June 5,	5	Robert Browning, drugs.....	16 39
June 5,	6	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas.....	30 38
June 5,	7	G. M. Ballard, books.....	4 25
June 5,	8	Ballweg & Kindler, repairs.....	13 70
June 5,	9	J. A. F. Anderson, provender.....	6 07
June 5,	10	James Lindley, milk.....	50 00
June 5,	11	Jacob Traub, vegetables.....	58 37
June 5,	12	T. Markham, blacksmithing.....	3 00
June 5,	13	Andrew Wallace, groceries.....	248 76
June 5,	14	James Boyd, meat.....	167 44
July 3,	15	Jacob Traub, vegetables.....	45 15
July 3,	16	J. McWorkman, current expenses.....	244 52

Warrants drawn on the Treasury.—Continued.

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1861.			
July 3,	17	H. McWorkman, groceries	\$27 85
July 3,	18	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas	24 00
July 3,	19	Merrill & Co., books	4 00
July 3,	20	E. Hines, music	55 00
July 3,	21	W. & H. Glenn & Co., house furnishing	22 90
July 3,	22	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing	78 34
July 3,	23	Holloway & Blanoff, groceries	10 20
July 3,	24	Glaser & Bros., pupils' clothing	3 95
July 3,	25	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing	10 25
July 3,	26	H. A. Fletcher & Co., pupils' clothing	9 45
July 3,	27	R. L. & A. W. McOnat, repairs	17 31
July 3,	28	Andrew Wallace, groceries	131 51
July 3,	29	A. D. Wood, work department	6 40
July 3,	30	H. R. Gaston, repairs on carriage	9 50
July 3,	31	Bowen, Stewart & Co., books	7 90
July 3,	32	James Boyd, meat	123 92
July 3,	33	J. McWorkman, officers' salaries	1300 00
July 3,	34	John Beard, salary as trustee	67 60
July 3,	35	Wm. M. Smith, salary as trustee	66 42
July 3,	36	Andrew Wallace, salary as trustee	24 00
July 3,	37	T. A. Lewis, salary as secretary	33 33
August 7,	38	J. McWorkman, current expenses	271 30
August 7,	39	Thomas Markham, blacksmithing	6 75
August 7,	40	James Boyd, meat	73 10
August 7,	41	Ramsay & Hanning, plumbing	9 00
August 7,	42	V. Butsch, lime	3 60
August 7,	43	Ben. G. Stout & Bro., groceries	34 55
August 7,	44	Mills, Alford & Co., groceries	41 26
August 7,	45	Jacob Traub, vegetables	18 85
August 7,	46	W. & H. Glenn & Co., pupils' clothing	68 20
August 7,	47	Cancelled	
August 7,	48	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas	58 00
August 7,	49	Hawthorn & Buchanan, house furnishing	10 85
August 7,	50	Andrew Wallace, groceries	71 02
August 7,	51	H. McWorkman, groceries	70 62
August 7,	52	Peter R. Perine, coal	51 00
Sept. 4,	53	Ramsay & Hanning, repairs	39 97
Sept. 4,	54	Jones, Vinnedge & Co., pupils' clothing	1 35
Sept. 4,	55	James Boyd, meat	25 73
Sept. 4,	56	Sulgrove & Reynolds, harness repairs	8 75
Sept. 4,	57	J. & J. Bradshaw, groceries	16 65
Sept. 4,	58	Ben. G. Stout & Bro., groceries	15 85
Sept. 4,	59	W. & H. Glenn & Co., house furnishing	26 82
Sept. 4,	60	A. D. Wood, work department	6 15
Sept. 4,	61	Bowen, Stewart & Co., books	7 38
Sept. 4,	62	Robert Browning, drugs	15 66
Sept. 4,	63	Lingle & Spring, book binding	68 60
Sept. 4,	64	R. L. & A. McOnat, house furnishing	1 20
Sept. 4,	65	M. Fitzgibbon & Co., groceries	40 54
Sept. 4,	66	H. McWorkman, groceries	48 33
Sept. 4,	67	F. Goepper, pupils' clothing	12 30
Sept. 4,	68	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas	14 63
Sept. 4,	69	Andrew Wallace, groceries	26 34
Sept. 4,	70	Indiana State Sentinel, printing	4 50
Sept. 4,	71	H. McWorkman, groceries	43 98
Sept. 4,	72	J. McWorkman, current expenses	203 70
Sept. 4,	73	J. McWorkman, salary	250 00
October 2,	74	W. H. Churchman, current expenses	187 40
October 2,	75	Frederick Finter, bread	25 46
October 3,	76	H. A. Fletcher & Co., house furnishing	448 34
October 2,	77	H. McWorkman, groceries	5 36
October 2,	78	Andrew Wallace, groceries	99 97
October 2,	79	N. Cummings, pianos	340 00
October 2,	80	Dumont & Sinkler, fire brick	7 50
October 2,	81	Mrs. T. L. Marshall, salary	25 00
October 2,	82	A. L. Tilford, mattresses	9 50
October 2,	83	Indianapolis Gas Co., gas	13 38
October 2,	84	Spiegel, Thoms & Co., furniture	34 00
October 2,	85	J. M. Kitchen, salary	50 00
October 2,	86	L. H. Tyler, house furnishing	21 10
October 2,	87	P. S. Birkenmayer, wheelbarrow	5 50
October 2,	88	Girard Blue, wood	225 00
October 2,	89	Ingersoll & Sloan, repairs	153 02
October 2,	90	S. W. Drew, repairs	33 05

Warrants drawn on the Treasury.—Continued.

Date.	No.	TO WHOM ISSUED, AND ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Amount.
October 2,	91	W. H. Churchman, maps.....	\$56 75
October 2,	92	James Boyd, meat.....	27 60
October 2,	93	E. C. Mayhew & Co., pupils' clothing.....	15 30
October 2,	94	Andrew Wallace, salary.....	24 00
October 2,	95	John Beard, salary.....	69 60
October 2,	96	Wm. M. Smith, salary.....	66 72
October 2,	97	T. A. Lewis, salary.....	33 33
Total.....			\$18,013 07

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. LEWIS, Secretary.

November 1st, 1861.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Trustees of Indiana Institute for the Blind:

SIRS—Below find abstract of account of your Institution for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1861:

Amount overdrawn, Nov. 1, 1860.....	\$2258 09
Amount expended during first quarter ending Jan. 31, 1861..	6692 60
Total.....	<u>\$8950 69</u>
Appropriation for 1st quarter ending Jan. 31st...	\$4000 00
Current Receipts.....	277 90
	<u>\$4277 90</u>
Amount overdrawn, Feb. 1, 1861.....	\$4672 79
Appropriation for 1861.....	\$16,000 00
Current Receipts to Oct. 31, 1861.....	1,196 04
	<u>\$17,196 04</u>
Amount expended to same date.....	11,365 88
	<u>\$5,830 16</u>
Balance unexpended, Nov. 1, 1861.....	\$5,830 16
Which is the amount for your support till Feb. 1, 1862.	

Yours truly,

ALBERT LANGE,
Auditor of State.

Per W. C. LUPTON, *Deputy.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:

GENTLEMEN—The By-Laws of this Institution (Art. IV., Sec. 17) make it the duty of the Superintendent to present to your Board an Annual Report, embracing an account of the condition and progress of its several departments, of the course of instruction pursued, and of the health and general improvement of the pupils, together with suggestions for the advancement of the objects of the Institution.

It therefore devolves upon the undersigned at this time to make such Report; but as his *present* connection with the establishment has existed for only a limited period, and as his predecessor has left on file no formal record of its operations from the date of the last annual report to that of the relinquishment of his charge, a period of about ten months, it is found impracticable for the present incumbent to give you a complete history of the condition and progress of the several departments during the year just closed, as contemplated by the By-Laws. He feels called upon, however, to gather such items of information as are accessible to him, and submit them for your consideration as follows, viz:

The assisting officers during the last session of the school, which closed, nominally, on the last Wednesday in July, were mainly the same as indicated in the Fourteenth Annual Report.

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Their names and positions were as follows:

Mr. G. M. Ballard, Teacher in Literary Department.
 Miss E. W. Bowman, Teacher in Literary Department.
 Miss L. M. Morley, Teacher in Music Department.
 Mr. M. C. Holman, Instructor in Male Work Department.
 Miss E. A. Dawson, Teacher in Female Department.
 Mrs. J. McWorkman, Matron.
 L. Dunlap, M. D., Physician.

In addition to the above named regular officers, Mr. L. D. Taylor, a graduate of this Institution, and Mr. Edward Hines of this city, were employed during portions of the session to aid Miss Morley in the Music Department; while in the Female Work Department, the instruction of the pupils was participated in by the Matron and some of the older girls.

On the 30th of March, Dr. Dunlap resigned his post as Physician, and Dr. J. M. Kitchen was appointed to serve in the same capacity during the unexpired portion of the term for which the former was elected.

About the 1st of June, Miss Bowman also resigned, in consequence of failing health, I believe, and as the session was then so far advanced, no one was employed to fill out the remnant of her term.

Of the manner in which the several officers above named discharged the duties of their respective positions, it is of course not for me to say; but from the tenor of the last report of my predecessor, it is fair to presume that their labors met the entire approval of that officer.

The whole number of pupils in attendance at different times during the last session, I find to be seventy-six. Of these eight were graduated at its close, leaving the names of sixty-eight on the roll who were entitled to return at the commencement of the current session.

The following are the names of those who were graduated as above stated:

George S. Dunlap.....	Vigo county.
Wm. T. Toombs	Scott county.
Joseph M. Perry.....	Marion county.
John Stutzman	Elkhart county.
Robert Cope	Jefferson county.
Rebecca Sedam.....	Johnson county.
Naomi Ewing	Hendricks county.
Mahala French.....	Wabash county.

Of the sixty-eight whose names were retained upon the roll as just mentioned, sixty-two have returned at the present writing, the remainder being detained at home for various causes.

Adding to this number twelve new pupils who have entered since the commencement of the current session, we have seventy-four as the number now in actual attendance; and from present indications we have reason to believe that ere long this number will be increased to upwards of eighty.

In this connection, allow me, in the hope of your being able to devise some means of correcting the evil, to direct the attention of your Board to the very great irregularity which prevails among the pupils of this Institution as to their attendance during the session of the school. Many are in the habit of remaining at home for weeks and even months after the close of the summer vacation, while others insist, without a sufficient reason, upon leaving school long before the regular termination of the session. This evil has always existed here to a greater or less extent, but of late years, it seems to have greatly augmented. It were needless to occupy space here in setting forth the disadvantages which accrue, not only to such delinquent pupils themselves, but likewise to the school as a whole, for it must be obvious to any one that no school can progress creditably without prompt attendance on the part of its pupils.

In many institutions of this kind scholars are not received at any other time than at the commencement of the session, and after having entered upon their studies are not permitted to leave, excepting in cases of emergency, until after the closing examinations. This course may, by some, be deemed unnecessarily rigid, but unless the evil complained of can be abated in some milder way, I am not sure but it would be our best policy to adopt it. We might almost as well close our school entirely as permit a continuance of the existing irregularity. I leave the matter with you and trust that it will receive your earnest consideration.

In the Literary Department the following studies were pursued during the last session, viz: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Algebra, Chemistry and Geometry.

Of the progress of the pupils in these branches it is not for me to speak; but I venture nothing in assuming that their advancement must have been somewhat impeded by the want of an adequate supply of appropriate apparatus and a deficiency in the number of teachers employed. The variety of the former was not only limited,

but many of the articles on hand had been rendered comparatively useless by long and hard service.

In the Music Department instruction was given to most of the school in singing and pianoforte practice, while a few received lessons at times upon several other instruments. Here, too, the progress of the pupils must have been considerably retarded by an insufficiency in the number of pianofortes and other musical instruments, the supply of these being proportionately much smaller than is usual in other institutions of the kind.

In the work Department the manufacture of corn brooms was the only trade followed by the males last year, the other branches which were pursued during the earlier days of the Institution having been sometime since abandoned.

The number of brooms manufactured in the course of the session was 612 dozen, all of which had been disposed of before the undersigned assumed the charge of the Institution.

The principal industrial branches taught to the female pupils were plain sewing and knitting, but some attention was likewise paid to the manufacture of various articles of bead work.

Of the number and value of the articles made in the way of bead work and knitting, no account seems to have been kept; but I have been furnished with a list of the articles of needle work executed, which is here inserted, viz:

Sheets.....	69	Shirts.....	30
Pillow Cases.....	50	Chemises.....	19
Bed Spreads.....	25	Drawers, pairs.....	31
Comforts.....	14	Pants, pairs.....	2
Bed-ticks.....	3	Dress and Under Skirts.....	92
Window Curtains.....	5	Sacks.....	8
Towels.....	49	Aprons.....	57
Napkins.....	157	Handkerchiefs hemmed.....	111
Table Spreads.....	12	Havelocks.....	6
Toilet Covers.....	16	Sundry articles mended.....	109

The above list is very creditable to both instructress and pupils, evincing a commendable perseverance in the acquirement of the important art of sewing, which, to the blind girl, is far more difficult of attainment than the more showy, but less useful, branches which frequently claim the largest share of attention in institutions of this kind.

This feature of the industrial department deserves, and will, with

your approbation, continue to receive that care which its importance demands as an efficient means of promoting in our pupils that ability for self-dependence which should be the highest aim of all practical educators of the blind.

The following is a condensed statement of the financial operations of the Work Department, as derived from the accounts of the same, from the date of the last annual report, Nov. 1, 1860, to the commencement of the current session, Oct. 7, 1861:

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To value of raw materials on hand at the beginning of the year, as per last report of the Superintendent.....	\$600 00
To amount of bills receivable at the beginning of the year, as per last report of the Superintendent.....	200 00
To paid for raw materials during the year, as per certified accounts	684 84
To amount paid pupils for overwork during the year as per certified accounts.....	173 65
To amount of bills payable Oct. 7, 1861.....	20 85
To paid salary of Instructor in Work Department.	500 00
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	\$2,179 34

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By receipts for manufactured articles during the year, as per accounts of Superintendent.....	\$434 21
By value of brooms used in house during the year.....	30 00
By amount of bills receivable, Oct. 7.....	457 99
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	\$922 20
By balance.....	1,257 14
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	\$2,179 34

The above statement, without taking into account the cost of tools and fixtures, which are assumed to be yet on hand in good working order, shows a balance of twelve hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fourteen cents, (\$1,257 14) against this department; for which deficit it must be borne in mind, the present management is in no way responsible.

Feeling assured, from previous experience in this and other Institutions of the kind, that the work department should be self-sustaining, I have made such changes in its organization and management

as cannot fail, I think, to produce this important result in the future. These will be explained in a subsequent paragraph.

Having briefly narrated above, to the best of my knowledge, the leading facts in the history of the Institution during that portion of the year which preceded the time at which it came under my charge, it now remains to lay before you an account of its operations during the remainder of the year which closed on the 31st ult.

The regular term for which I was elected as Superintendent commenced on the 1st of October just passed; but as my predecessor resigned the charge of the Institution on the 4th of September preceding, I entered upon duty at that date, as provided for by your Board, and arranged with our newly appointed Matron to assume the charge of the domestic concerns shortly thereafter.

The following are the names of the persons nominated by me, and confirmed by your Board, as assisting officers during the current year:

Mr. G. M. Ballard, Teacher in Literary Department.

Miss M. S. Larned, " " " "

Mrs. H. A. Moore, " " " "

Mr. L. S. Newell, " " Music "

Miss A. A. Dyer, " " " "

Mr. S. McGiffin, " " Male Work "

Miss E. A. Dawson, " " Female " "

Mrs. Jane Marshall, Matron.

Dr. J. M. Kitchen, Physician.

Mrs. Marshall entered upon her duties as Matron on Sept. 10th, some three weeks before the commencement of the regular term for which she was appointed, and continued to discharge the same with marked ability until the 26th of October following, when she was removed by death after a short but severe illness. During her brief stay among us, she evinced rare qualifications for the post which had been assigned her, and bade fair to make a valuable officer. Her loss is mourned by the entire household, to whom she had endeared herself by kindly sympathy and conscientious devotion to the work she had engaged in.

No regular appointment has yet been made to fill the place thus vacated by the untimely death of Mrs. Marshall, but we have succeeded in engaging the services, for the time being, of Mrs. E. J. Price,* a lady of excellent qualifications, who will, without doubt prove

*Mrs. Price has since been regularly appointed as Matron.

herself in every way worthy of the appointment, should she decide to become a candidate.

The remaining officers above mentioned, assumed their respective charges at the appointed time, and thus far give entire satisfaction in the discharge of the duties of their several positions.

The school was opened this year, as formerly, on the first Monday in October, but the sessions will hereafter commence on the first Wednesday after the 15th day of September, as provided for in your recent amendment of the By-Laws. The close of this, as well as of future sessions, will take place on the last Wednesday in June, a month earlier than has been customary heretofore. This change in the time of our annual sessions was found desirable in order that the vacations might occur during the warmest portion of the summer season.

In the several departments of the Institute, a thorough re-organization has been effected, with a view to ensuring the greatest possible efficiency in each with the least expenditure of means, and we flatter ourselves that a marked improvement is already visible throughout the whole.

The school has been classified under three separate divisions corresponding to the number of teachers employed, and an appropriate course of study selected for each; while important additions have been made to the stock of apparatus, which greatly enhances our facilities for instruction.

Among the new articles of apparatus may be mentioned a couple of dissected maps of the United States, showing the recently established territorial boundaries, and a large double map of the hemispheres, all of which were manufactured under our own direction and at the least practicable cost. The map of the hemispheres is constructed after the manner of the most approved physical maps, showing, in bold relief, all of the more important features of the earth's surface, with proportionate elevations, as laid down by the best physical geographers, and is believed to be the best work of the kind yet executed. For the perfection of this map we are mainly indebted to the skill and geographical knowledge of Miss M. S. Larned, one of our teachers, under whose immediate superintendence the work was done.

The courses of study adopted the current year for the different divisions above mentioned, are as follows:

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and familiar lectures on common things.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

The same as the preceding but more advanced, with the addition of English Grammar.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Higher Arithmetic, Algebra, Rhetoric and Composition, Natural Philosophy, History, Physical Geography, and Moral and Mental Philosophy.

In addition to the studies above mentioned, nearly all of the pupils receive instruction, to a greater or less extent, in vocal and instrumental music, and all have the benefit of occasional lectures on miscellaneous topics. They are also furnished regularly with reading by the teachers and other officers, from newspapers, periodicals, and a variety of biographical, historical, and other works.

In the Music Department, valuable additions in the way of pianofortes and other instruments, have also been made to our stock of appliances for musical instruction and practice.

With these the privileges of our pupils in this Department have been materially improved.

In addition to a full choir, composed of nearly all of the pupils of both sexes, steps have been taken towards the re-establishment of an instrumental band, which will greatly enlarge the field of knowledge to those who are fitted by natural endowment and inclination to adopt the profession of music as a means of honorable independence.

In the industrial department, the females are being instructed in the same manual arts as were pursued during the last session, and their progress has thus far been in every way commendable.

To the trade of broom-making, the only one pursued by the male pupils for several years past, have been added those of brush-making, mat-making and carpet-weaving. Something is also being done in the bottoming of cane-seated chairs, and the art of matrass-making will likewise be introduced, so soon as arrangements can be made for the accomplishment of this end.

The plan heretofore pursued in the conduct of the work-shops of this Institution, as is the case in most others of the kind, has been to employ one or more instructors upon salary, and furnish them with the necessary tools and materials, the Institution receiving the manufactured wares, and applying the proceeds of their sale towards the defraying of the expenses of the Department; but as the receipts have for several years past fallen far short of the expenditures, the shops have been this year organized upon a different basis, with a view to make them, if possible, self-sustaining. Arrangements have been made with a gentleman of long experience in the manual instruction of the Blind, by which he furnishes all materials at his own cost, and instructs the pupils in the several occupations pursued, without other compensation than their labor for the instruction imparted. The manufactured wares are of course disposed of by him for his own benefit. Thus the Institution is free from all expense excepting for tools and fixtures and the warming of the shops, as well as from the disadvantages arising from the accumulation of stock in dull times.

Besides the pecuniary saving to be effected by this plan, it is believed that the pupils will be more thoroughly instructed than they would have been by a continuance of the former system of management. The reasons for this will be readily appreciated when we take into account the stimulating influence of self-interest upon all who are engaged in business operations of whatever kind. It is believed also, that not only a higher degree of skill and dexterity will be obtained by the workmen, but that they will likewise be taught a more judicious economy in the use of materials, a lesson of no small importance to those who would depend upon their trades for a livelihood.

In the reorganization of the household department, much has been done which is calculated to systematize and facilitate its operations, as well as to enhance the comfort and well being of the pupils; while at the same time an important reduction in its current expenditures has been effected.

The furniture, which needed some replenishing and much repairing, has been put in such condition as to need comparatively little additional outlay in that direction for some time to come.

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much has been done to improve the appearance of the grounds, particularly in the rear of the principal building.

There are yet several minor improvements needed upon the grounds, however, and the entire premises are suffering for want of paint, all of which it is hoped will be provided for by you during the next season, should our present means justify the necessary expenditure.

One of the greatest necessities in an Institution like this is a method of warming and ventilating, which is at once efficient, safe, healthful and economical in use. After much laborious investigation, an apparatus was devised and introduced into the building soon after its erection, which, when fully completed in all its appliances, gave certain promise of meeting all the requirements just enumerated, but from subsequent mismanagement through ignorance of its design and construction, it was almost wholly destroyed and then abandoned for the more unsatisfactory, dangerous and unhealthful method of warming by close stoves with little or no ventilation. This method had been in use for some years, when the undersigned was called to resume the charge of the Institution a few weeks since, and one of his earliest cares was to devise some way of substituting a better one for it.

But in the absence of adequate pecuniary means for either restoring the original hot water apparatus, or introducing the more expensive steam fixtures, for which a boiler-house and smoke-stack were erected several years ago, this was found to be no easy task. After some reflection, however, an expedient was hit upon by which some of the materials of the old apparatus and the buildings of the contemplated new one might be made, at a comparatively small cost, to subserve at least a temporary purpose until an appropriation could be secured for the construction of something more permanent. This temporary plan has been carried out, and thus far fully meets our expectations. The building is now for the most part comfortably warmed by a single fire, which, being located externally to it in the boiler-house before mentioned, is free from danger either to the building or its inmates. The principle adopted is, in general terms, as follows: A mild air-warming furnace of novel construction, with a great extent of heating surface, is located in said boiler-house, and by means of a large ventilating fan, the atmosphere to be warmed is driven through this into large ducts which convey it to the original air chambers in the cellar of the building, whence it ascends through the flues leading

from the same to the different apartments. Means are of course provided for charging the rarified air with the requisite amount of moisture as it passes through the ducts.

After an absence of eight years from this Institution, during most of which time I was engaged in a similar field elsewhere, I have resumed the onerous duties of its superintendency with no abatement of interest in the work, and I beg leave to assure you, gentlemen, that while I have the honor to remain associated with you in my present capacity no effort shall be wanting on my part to make this one of Indiana's noble monuments of enlightened liberality, a blessing indeed to that class of her afflicted children for whose sole benefit it was erected.

Allow me, in conclusion, to tender to your Board my grateful acknowledgments for the honor conferred by your selection of me for this important trust, as well as the confidence manifested thus far by your cheerful and unanimous co-operation in every recommendation which it has become my duty to submit for your approval. To maintain this confidence unbroken throughout our future intercourse will be my highest aim.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CHURCHMAN,

Superintendent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 1st, 1861.

CATALOGUE.

List of Pupils in attendance during the year ending October 31st, 1861.

Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	CAUSE OF BLIND- NESS.
1	Margaret E. Barnes.....	Decatur county.....	Congenital.
2	Sarah C. Barnes.....	Decatur county.....	Congenital.
3	Robert Cope.....	Jefferson county.....	Congenital.
4	William T. Toombs.....	Scott county.....	Congenital.
5	Benjamin F. Toombs.....	Scott county.....	Congenital.
6	Thomas L. Goodwin.....	Montgomery county.....	Congenital.
7	Catharine McKinsey.....	Clinton county.....	Congenital.
8	Rose A. Garrison.....	Morgan county.....	Congenital.
9	Phoebe Garrison.....	Morgan county.....	Congenital.
10	Susan E. Garrison.....	Morgan county.....	Congenital.
11	Melissa Garrissoff.....	Morgan county.....	Congenital.
12	Jonathan Marquart.....	Allen county.....	Congenital.
13	Philander Cranor.....	Wayne county.....	Congenital.
14	Helen Ayers.....	Switzerland county.....	Congenital.
15	Rebecca Sedam.....	Johnson county.....	Scarlet Fever.
16	Lucina E. McLellan.....	Sullivan county.....	Inflammation.
17	Mahala French.....	Wabash county.....	Scarlet Fever.
18	Joseph M. Perry.....	Marion county.....	Small Pox.
19	Frederick Schlau.....	Dearborn county.....	Inflammation.
20	Thomas Sullivan.....	Adams county.....	Ophthalmia.
21	Louisa Briggs.....	Clark county.....	Amaurosis.
22	Catharine E. Dixon.....	Delaware county.....	Erysipelas.
23	Naomi Ewing.....	Hendricks county.....	Scarlet Fever.
24	Anna Cullen.....	White county.....	Scarlet Fever.
25	Margaret L. Fitzpatrick.....	Delaware county.....	Cataract.
26	Mary Maloney.....	Madison county.....	Ophthalmia.
27	Jane Smith.....	Montgomery county.....	Scarlet Fever.
28	Juliette G. Bryant.....	Lawrence county.....	Scrofula.
29	John T. Gray.....	Marion county.....	Inflammation.
30	Fanny Livingston.....	Marion county.....	Teething.
31	Polina J. Thomas.....	Hancock county.....	Inflammation.
32	Julia Curtis.....	Elkhart county.....	Inflammation.
33	George F. Ross.....	Adams county.....	Inflammation.
34	Margaret E. Hamilton.....	Boone county.....	Inflammation.
35	Luke Walpole.....	Hancock county.....	Scarlet Fever.
36	George S. Dunlap.....	Vigo county.....	Inflammation.
37	Hamlin T. Merrifield.....	Lagrange county.....	Inflammation.
38	James McFadden.....	Scott county.....	Accident.
39	George M. D. Newland.....	Marion county.....	Inflammation.
40	Robert A. Newland.....	Marion county.....	Inflammation.
41	Minerva B. J. Hungate.....	Washington county.....	Inflammation.
42	J. Quincey Donnell.....	Decatur county.....	Amaurosis.
43	Almira Huffman.....	De Kalb county.....	Inflammation.

LIST OF PUPILS.—Continued.

Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	CAUSE OF BLIND- NESS.
44	Mary J. Huffman.....	Greene county.....	Inflammation.
45	John Stutzman.....	Elkhart county.....	Accident.
46	Hudson G. Winterrowd.....	Shelby county.....	Accident.
47	Helen J. Aldrich.....	Steuben county.....	Amaurosis.
48	Eliza Phenes.....	Union county.....	Cataract.
49	Frances H. Condiff.....	Putnam county.....	Cataract.
50	Wm. W. James.....	Delaware county.....	Inflammation.
51	John W. Best.....	Huntington county.....	Amaurosis.
52	William M. Manning.....	Hendricks county.....	Measles.
53	Levi S. Walton.....	Martin county.....	Cataract.
54	Louisa E. Wingate.....	Delaware county.....	Cataract.
55	Susan Turner.....	Rush county.....	Congenital.
56	Hannah O. Edwards.....	Spencer county.....	Inflammation.
57	Julia A. Kelly.....	Hamilton county, Ohio.	Scrofula.
58	Frederick Winters.....	Ripley county.....	Scrofula.
59	Minnie Winters.....	Ripley county.....	Scrofula.
60	Napoleon Mode.....	Harrison county.....	Amaurosis.
61	Thomas W. Huckin.....	Montgomery county.....	Congenital.
62	Cynthia A. Green.....	Fountain county.....	Congenital.
63	Elizabeth Green.....	Fountain county.....	Congenital.
64	Emily J. Lewelling.....	Henry county.....	Unknown.
65	Cynthia E. Baugh.....	Monroe county.....	Accidental.
65	Frederick Thies.....	Ohio county.....	Cataract.
67	William B. Watts.....	Hamilton county.....	Inflammation.
68	Wesley Lemon.....	Elkhart county.....	Congenital.
69	Hester Lemon.....	Elkhart county.....	Congenital.
70	Henry Lemon.....	Elkhart county.....	Congenital.
71	Louis Bechdolt.....	Whitley county.....	Accidental.
72	Jonathan L. Dix.....	Parke county.....	Typhoid Fever.
73	Sarah J. McKain.....	Crawford county.....	Congenital.
74	Mary E. Stafford.....	Marion county.....	Inflammation.
75	Anna S. Stafford.....	Marion county.....	Inflammation.
76	Eliza H. Green.....	Fountain county.....	Congenital.
77	George Benedict.....	Lapierre, Michigan.....	Inflammation.

LIST of Newspapers sent Gratuitously to the Institute.

NAMES OF NEWSPAPERS.	WHERE PUBLISHED.
Goshen Times.....	Goshen.
Daily State Sentinel.....	Indianapolis.
New Era.....	Auburn.
Democratic Pharos.....	Logansport.
New Albany Ledger.....	New Albany.
North-Western Christian Advocate.....	Chicago.
Western Christian Advocate.....	Cincinnati.
Central Christian Herald.	Cincinnati.
Little Pilgrim.....	Philadelphia.

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LOCATION AND OBJECT OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Indiana Institute for the Education of the Blind is located at Indianapolis, the capital of the State, and occupies a healthful and beautiful site in the northern part of the city.

It has for its object the moral, intellectual and physical training of the young blind of both sexes residing in the State.

It is, therefore, an educational establishment, and not an asylum for the helpless, or a hospital for the treatment of disease.

It was founded in the year 1847, conformably to an act of the Legislature of the State, from which body it receives its entire support, through the medium of direct appropriations made upon estimates of its wants, furnished by the officers in charge.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT.

The Institution is organized under three separate departments: the School, the Industrial and the Household, each performing its respective office of ministering to the improvement and comfort of the pupils.

The general government of the Institute is entrusted by the Legislature to a Board of Trustees, elected by that body, while the immediate control and management of its several departments are confided to a general Superintendent, chosen by the Board.

The Superintendent is assisted in the school and industrial departments by competent instructors, and in the household department by

an experienced Matron, who administers the domestic concerns, having the immediate supervision of the female pupils when out of school, and the direction of the several domestics in the performance of their allotted duties. These assistant officers also receive their appointment from the Board, upon the nomination of the superintendent, but are directly responsible to the latter for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts.

PLAN OF EDUCATION.

The plan of education pursued at the Institute is designed to be thoroughly practical, comprehending all that is necessary for such a development of the mental and physical powers of the Blind, as is best calculated to place them upon an equal footing with seeing persons in their capacity for usefulness and self-maintenance.

The course of instruction, therefore, embraces, in addition to the ordinary routine of school branches, the science and practice of vocal and instrumental music, several appropriate mechanic arts, moral and religious culture, and such other training as serves to establish becoming personal habits, energy of character, business tact, etc.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS.

In the household department, every means that experience can suggest for the promotion of the health and comfort of the pupils, is provided. Among these are commodious, well-ventilated dormitories, school rooms, hospitals and various other apartments; spacious halls, piazzas and out-door promonades, suitable for exercise in all kinds of weather; ample arrangements for cold, warm and shower bathing; good wholesome food and comfortable beds; prompt medical advice, with other necessary attention in case of sickness; and, above all, kind, sympathising friends, whose duty and pleasure it is to minister to the moral and physical wants of their unfortunate charges, striving, in each of their various relations, to supply to them all the desirable comforts of home.

AGE OF PUPILS.

From ten to fourteen is the most favorable age for entering the Institute, provided the pupils have judicious care and training at home prior to that age. But as this is not always the case, and as there are many who lose their sight after that age; or, having lost it

earlier, do not find an opportunity of going to school at the proper time, the regulations of the Institute allow of the admission of all proper subjects who are not under eight or above twenty-one years of age.

It must be borne in mind, however, by the friends of blind children, that though they have the privilege of sending them to the Institute at a later period than the one mentioned as the best, yet it is of the highest importance that they should be sent within said period; for as they grow older their neglected powers lose their susceptibility for cultivation, rendering the training more and more difficult until they become wholly incapacitated for receiving such an education as will fit them for a life of usefulness, independence and happiness. It is not uncommon to witness results of this kind, arising out of the morbid tenderness with which a blind child is regarded by his friends, they being unwilling to entrust him at the proper age to the care of strangers, lest some harm should befall him. Indeed every year's experience but serves to indicate more clearly the lamentable prevalence of this unjust neglect, as there are constantly applying for admission into the several institutions of the country those whose melancholy lot it is to lead a life of hopeless ignorance and dependence, but who might, with proper training in early youth, have become happy and useful members of society, maintaining themselves comfortably and respectably.

TERM OF INSTRUCTION.

This is not limited to any definite number of years, but is determined in each individual case, by the acquirements of the pupil and the consequent fitness for graduating. The length of each one's term will of course depend upon his aptness to learn, and the extent of the course pursued.

SCHOOL SESSION.

There is one session of the school in each year, commencing on the first Wednesday after the 15th day of September, and closing on the last Wednesday in June following, leaving a vacation of twelve weeks, during which time the pupils have an opportunity of visiting their homes and replenishing their clothing.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

Any person desiring the admission of a pupil into the Institution,

must address the Superintendent, giving definite and truthful answers to the following questions, viz :

- 1st. What are the names and post office address of the parents or guardians of the person in question?
- 2d. Are such parents or guardians legal residents of the State of Indiana?
- 3d. What is the name of the person for whom application is made?
- 4th. What is the date of his or her birth?
- 5th. At what age did he or she become blind, and from what cause?
- 6th. Is the degree of blindness sufficient to prevent the acquirement of an education in a school for the seeing?
- 7th. Is the person of sound mind, and susceptible of intellectual culture?
- 8th. Has he or she ever been a pupil in any Institution for the Blind; and if so, what one?
- 9th. Is he or she free from bodily deformity, and all infectious diseases?
- 10th. What is the moral character of the applicant?

Upon the receipt of proper answers to the foregoing queries, the parties interested will be notified of the result of their application; and no person should be sent to the Institute in advance of such notification.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1st. No person of imbecile or unsound mind, or of confirmed immoral character, will be knowingly received into the Institute; and in case any person shall, after a fair trial, prove incompetent for useful instruction, or disobedient to the wholesome regulations of the Institute, such pupil will be thereupon discharged.

2d. No charge is made for the boarding and instruction of pupils from the State of Indiana, but all are expected to come provided with an adequate supply of good, comfortable clothing, which must be replenished from time to time as it becomes necessary.

3d. The stock of clothing should embrace suitable articles for both summer and winter, and a sufficient number of each kind to admit of the necessary changes for washing and repairing.

4th. All of the clothing must be sent in good order and condition, not only upon the first entrance of the pupil, but also at each subsequent return from home after the vacation.

5th. Each article should also be distinctly marked with the owner's name or initials, in order to prevent confusion or loss.

6th. In cases where the parents or guardians of pupils are unable through indigence to supply them with the necessary clothing, the same is provided by the Institution, and the amount of its cost collected by law from the respective counties in which such pupils reside.

7th. Applicants of suitable age and capacity from without the State, will be received as pupils and furnished with boarding and tuition at the rate of \$125 00 per annum, payable half yearly in advance.

8th. It is important that all of the pupils of each year should be present at the commencement of the school session, and remain until its close. This will therefore be expected of them unless prevented by sickness or other emergency. In case of non-compliance with this rule on the part of any pupil without a sufficient reason, his or her right to the privileges of the Institution, will, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be forfeited.

9th. Persons visiting the pupils from abroad, cannot be accommodated with boarding and lodging at the Institute during their stay in the city.

10th. All letters to the pupils should be addressed to the care of the Institute in order to insure their prompt reception.

